

Santa Barbara City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness and Community Relations

January 5, 2011

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 15

735 Anacapa Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Minutes

Council Members Present: Helene Schneider, Dale Francisco (Chair), Bendy White

Staff Present: Jim Armstrong, Paul Casey, Steve Wiley, Capt. Alex Altavilla, Sue Gray, Deirdre Randolph

1. SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTATION:

Dr. Takashi Wada, Director / Health Officer

Michele Mickiewicz, Deputy Director, Community Health Division

Jennifer Bernstein, Interim EHS Director

SIX OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR APPROVED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

1. **Permitted Shelter Kitchen**

- Pros – Food is produced and served at the same location
- Cons – New facility capital investment could be cost prohibitive. Location may not meet needs for all homeless.

2. **Permitted Food Facility**

- Pros – Food is produced and served at the same location. Individual meals can be prepared for drop-off. Bulk delivery of food can be made for service at another approved location.
- Cons – There may be costs associated with sharing facilities with current permit holder. New facility capital investment could be cost prohibitive.

3. **Hot Truck**

- Pros – Can be a contract arrangement with permitted Mobile Food Preparation Unit (MFPU) operator. Offers a variety of hot and cold foods at an unlimited number of locations.
- Cons – May require capital expenditure if purchased or ongoing costs if shared. May require city ordinance change. Feeding site(s) clean-up must be assured.

4. **Cold Truck (smaller than Hot Truck)**

- Pros – Food comes from permitted kitchen, is transported at proper temperatures. May work at a variety of locations with a schedule of stops.
- Cons – Limited volume of service. All food must be PREPACKAGED AND LABELED. May require city ordinance change. Clean-up issues must be addressed.

5. **Temporary Food Facility**

- Pros – Does not require large capital expenditure. Food can be prepared in permitted kitchen or at temporary food facility (TFF) site.

- Cons – Food handler training needed. Many requirements for set up and operation. State Regulation limits the use of TFF to “community events”. City can declare this application as a “community event”.

#### 6. **Vending Machines**

- Pros – Can be contracted out with a service. Food available at all times.
- Cons – Large capital outlay if purchased with ongoing maintenance costs. Requires permitted commissary to provide food items. PACKAGING and LABELING requirements would apply.

The committee agreed that these six options will be presented to stakeholders and public at next meeting with the goal of finding creative regional solutions to food distribution to the homeless in a timely manner.

2. A current update of the *Strategies to Address Community Issues Related to Homelessness* is to be prepared by staff. This will be handed out to the committee and stakeholders at the next meeting.

3. The committee identified possible Roundtable participants (Stakeholders). They are listed below and will be invited to attend or send their representative to the next meeting.

- Public Health (Jennifer Bernstein)
- Casa Esperanza (Mike Foley)
- Salvation Army (Jack Clitheroe)
- Rescue Mission (Rolf Geyling)
- Turner Foundation (Jeff Shaffer)
- Organic Soup Kitchen (Anthony Carroccio)
- County Jail (Don Patterson)
- St. Brigid Fellowship
- St. Raphael Church (Fr. Stephen Hedges)
- Goleta (Councilmember Connell/Claudia Dato)
- County (Supervisor Farr/Stephanie Langsdorf)
- Carpinteria (Councilmember Reddington)
- Planning Commission (Deborah Schwartz)
- Downtown Organization (Bill Collyer)
- Milpas Community Association (Alan Bleecker)
- Chamber of Commerce (Steve Cushman or Michael Holloway)
- Parks and Recreation (Nancy Rapp)

4. NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 28, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street. The location may change in order to accommodate all participants.

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